

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—Thursday, August 2, 2001

The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. FOSSELLA).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
August 2, 2001.

I hereby appoint the Honorable VITO FOSSELLA to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Reverend George G. McDearmon, Ballston Lake Baptist Church, Ballston Lake, New York, offered the following prayer:

O Lord God, the solitary, living God of creation, providence and redemption, Thou art great in wisdom, power and grace. Who would not fear Thee, O King of the nations? Indeed it is Thy due, our Judge, Lawgiver and King.

We thank You for making and preserving us a Nation and for our heritage of liberty in law. By the person and work of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, forgive us of our sins whereby we have failed our heritage, violated Your Law and forgotten You.

Knowing that You establish all authority, may we prove faithful stewards of our solemn trust. May we be God-fearing men and women of moral courage and integrity. May we serve with a selfless, principled commitment to our Constitution and to the public good. May we wisely govern ourselves and the Nation.

O triune God, we petition for Your guardian presence for all who serve in the Armed Forces of the United States. Crown their endeavors with success. God of all comfort, strengthen those grieving over the loss of loved ones who served aboard USS *Cole*. May the "Determined Warrior" again ply the oceans in their memory and our defense.

We pray in the meritorious name of Jesus Christ, the Captain of salvation. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

Mr. McNULTY. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. McNULTY. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Florida (Mr. FOLEY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. FOLEY led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed a bill of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 494. An act to provide for a transition to democracy and to promote economic recovery in Zimbabwe.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 106-286, the Chair, on behalf of the President of the Senate, and after consultation with the Democratic Leader, appoints the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) to serve on the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China, vice the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH), and appoints the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS) as Chairman of the Commission.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain one 1-minute at this point.

THE REVEREND GEORGE G. MCDEARMON

(Mr. SWEENEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SWEENEY. Mr. Speaker, it is a pleasure and honor to welcome Pastor George McDearmon from the Ballston Lake Baptist Church in Ballston Lake, New York in my 22nd Congressional District.

He and his wife, Deborah, are the proud parents of two children. Their daughter, Hanna, is a senior at Liberty University; and their son, Gregory, is the navigator of the USS *Ross*.

Pastor McDearmon and I grew close during the events that unfolded on October 12, 2000. It was on this day the Navy family suffered a tremendous loss when the USS *Cole* fell victim to terrorism while attempting to refuel at the Port of Aden in Yemen.

Fortunately, I was able to deliver good news to Pastor McDearmon. His son, LTJG Gregory McDearmon, was safe. I commend their service to their communities and our country.

I note that today is a milestone day for both the Pastor and his son, Gregory, since Gregory is navigating the ship, the USS *Ross*, into port in Puerto Rico for the first time today.

Pastor McDearmon was first assigned to the Ballston Lake Baptist Church almost 25 years ago, and his dedication to his congregation, local community and family has kept him there ever since. I would also like to note, he is a member of the board of directors for the Southern Military Institute.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to have him here and welcome his participation today.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the pending business is the question of the Chair's approval of the Journal of the last day's proceedings.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. McNULTY. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 331, nays 76,